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TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st Tuesday -
6:00 p.m. Work Session
7:30 p.m. Public Meeting

3rd Tuesday -
9:00 a.m. - Work Session
11:00 a.m. - Public Meeting

Zoning Commission meets the
2nd Monday of every month
BZA meets the 2nd Tuesday
of every month

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TRUSTEE NOTES

From the Desk of Gabe Cicconetti.
Painesville Township's Newest Park

If you have driven down Bowhall Rd. lately, you may have seen some work going on in the lot next to Fire Station 2. This site, which has sat vacant for many years, will be the location of Painesville Township's newest community park. This park will be completed in phases, but once completed it will have a pavilion, bathroom facilities, benches, and a playground. This park will be unique because it will be handicap accessible both in the pavilion as well as some playground equipment. In addition to the equipment and facilities, we will also be building a sidewalk to create accessibility from Foxfire as well as installing benches in the grassy part of the park under the trees.

This park will also have a very special namesake. The park will be named after my grandfather, Angelo Cicconetti, who lived in Painesville Township for 50 years, just around the corner on Dalton Drive. He lived there with his wife Jackie where they raised their family of 9 children, including my father Judge Mike Cicconetti. My grandfather was also a longtime public servant, working as Lake County Dog Warden for nearly 20 years as well as being my predecessor as Painesville Township Trustee serving 3 terms.

Our goal is to fund construction of this park completely with outside funding. As of this writing, we have already secured \$94,500 in funding. Our largest stakeholder thus far is Painesville Township's own Lubrizol Corporation, who has pledged \$80,000 to the project. Also, my father, Judge Cicconetti has pledged

\$12,000, and I have personally pledged \$2,500. In addition to those funds, we are currently applying for a number of grants and other funding to not only help complete the playground portion of the project, but also to repave the parking lot behind the fire station and create handicap accessible parking. Unfortunately, because of the current Covid19 situation, there have been some delays in both construction and securing funding. We anticipate the Covid situation possibly creating a short-term negative impact on some of the funding and grant sources we anticipated securing for the project. However, we remain hopeful that this delay will only be temporary, and luckily we have already secured enough funding to complete some of the most important parts of the project.

Our goal now is to have this project completed by summer 2021. We feel this a realistic timeline that will allow us to complete the projects we currently have funding for as well as seeking and securing additional funds and grants to complete the other projects we'd like to see be part of this park. If you own a business or personally would like to contribute to the project in any way, please contact us. We welcome any help in securing additional resources.

When completed, we believe this park will be an amazing addition to the community serving all residents of Painesville Township including those living with disabilities. There are not many parks offering this type of accessibility, so we are proud to bring it to our community.

ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The brush, leaf and yard waste drop area will remain open on Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm through November. Due to current social distance guidelines, there will not be anyone from the Service Department to help unload your vehicle. When the guidelines are no longer in place, we will once again be available to help with unloading.

Keep in mind when completing your spring yard projects that you should never dispose of yard waste, leaves or grass clippings in a roadside ditch, storm sewer grate or nearby streams. Yard waste can clog the storm sewer system leading to stormwater backups and flooding. Remember that anything dumped in a storm sewer, ditch or stream will eventually wash directly to Lake Erie. Blow your grass clippings off of the road and sidewalk back onto your lawn.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION

Due to safety precautions, the Riverside High School teams are not able to assist the Department with this June's collection. The curbside brush collection will

still take place beginning Monday June 8th with the following schedule:

- June 8th and June 9th will be for the west side of Painesville Township and the Grand River Village area of the Township.
- June 10th, 11th and 12th will be for the east side of Painesville Township.

All brush must be tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and placed at the curb by 7:30 am. This collection is for brush only. Please do not place bags of leaves and yard waste out for pick up. Call the service Department at 440-352-2661 if you have questions.

Our annual snowplow painting day with art students from Riverside High School was scheduled for April. Unfortunately, this has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule in September.

We would like to thank the Lake County Commissioners, who awarded Painesville Township a grant in the amount of \$112,726 for road resurfacing. This one time grant from the County enables the Township to stretch our road resurfacing budget even further.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Like everyone, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused Painesville Township to make changes in our work and meeting schedules, health and safety precautions, and unfortunately, our community events. We had to cancel the St. Patrick's Parade due to the outbreak. Our next scheduled community event is Family Movie Night, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, at the Lake County History Center. The Trustees have not determined whether Family Movie Night can be held. We will make an announcement on the Township's website and Facebook page in June about this event. As of today, we are hopeful that we can still have Family Fun Day on August 22.

The Trustees bid a fond and respectful farewell to the Township's Legal Advisor, Matt Lallo. Matt has represented the Trustees and the residents at a very high level for the last four years. Matt has accepted a similar position in another community and has left the Township on the best of terms. The Trustees wish Matt well in his career.

We are pleased to announce our new Legal Advisor, Jeremy Iosue. Jeremy and his wife are Painesville Township residents. Jeremy is a partner in the law firm of Harvey, Abens, and Iosue in Cleveland. Jeremy brings a depth of municipal, human resources and employment law to the Township. A complete bio for Jeremy can be found on the Township's Facebook page. Welcome aboard Jeremy!

The Trustees have made a modification in their regular meeting schedule. The previous meeting schedule had the Trustees meeting on the first Tuesday of the month as a morning meeting, and the third Tuesday of the month as an evening meeting. Beginning in May the Trustees have reversed the meeting schedule.

The first Tuesday of the month is now the evening meeting:

- Work Session at 6:00 p.m.
- Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The third Tuesday of the month is now the morning meeting:

- Work Session begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Public Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

A reminder that during the months of June, July and August the Trustees meet once a month, on the third Tuesday of the month.

NOPEC Energy Grant – The Board of Trustees are always looking for grants and other opportunities to help our Township. Painesville Township has applied for two grants from NOPEC for the purpose of making energy improvements to the five Township buildings. In 2018 the Township was awarded a grant in the amount of \$51,936. In 2019 the Township received another grant in the amount of \$49,372. Those two grants paid for significant energy improvements to the three Fire Stations, the Service Garage, and Township Hall.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Painesville Township Fire Department Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent social distancing policies, the Department has made several adjustments to its normal operations so that it will be ready to handle emergencies when needed. These changes were done not only to limit possible exposures to the crews, but to limit the crew's exposure to the public as well. The Department's emergency response capabilities have not changed. To ensure that stations remain fully staffed and ready to respond to any emergency that the community might face, the Department has instituted several operational changes. Here are a few of the operational changes made by Department:

- 1) In an effort to protect Department personnel and protect the general public from a possible quarantine situation, our stations were closed to outside visitors. Notices were posted on the doors of each station directing visitors to call the station to conduct business.
- 2) In an effort to prevent cross contamination between stations and limit any type of quarantine situation, the Department cancelled all meetings and training with the exception of on-shift training and changed its staffing model to limit crew members to working only out of one station.
- 3) To prevent the spread of disease and protect all of the members of the Department as well as all members of the public, the Department established Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidelines for all patient contacts.

4) The Department established procedures to thoroughly disinfectant the stations, squads, cots and all other equipment. The stations and all equipment are cleaned thoroughly and disinfected daily and after every call.

- 5) All crew members are monitored to ensure that they are healthy. Crew members take daily temperatures on shift and are encouraged to do the same at home.
- 6) Dispatch protocols have been updated to help screen calls for exposures and the information is then relayed to responding crews.
- 7) The Department has assigned an infection control officer to make sure all exposures are reported and reviewed to see if any follow up is needed.
- 8) Department members are encouraged to practice social distancing both on and off duty and masks are to be worn in situations where this is not practical.
- 9) The Department has limited some of its fire prevention activities. We continue to conduct plan reviews but have delayed most fire safety inspections for the time being.

The Painesville Township Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their understanding as we all go through this together. We are truly grateful for the overwhelming support that the community has given us during this time.



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The projects included replacing four air conditioners, four furnaces, insulating the ceilings in the fire stations, replacing indoor lighting with LED lights, installing a man door and an automatic door opener for trucks, replacing a ceiling heater, and replacing parking lot lights with LED lighting. The Trustees are planning on applying for another grant in 2020 that will help modernize our five buildings to become even more energy efficient.

You may have noticed that the Hometown Heroes banners have started appearing on North Ridge Road on the east side of the Township. This is because we have filled all of the available poles on Mentor Avenue. We can continue to accept applications to honor the Township's veterans. Thank you veterans! If you are interested in hanging a Hometown Heroes banner, please look at our website at www.painesvilletwp.com.

The Trustees give a tip of their hat to the residents on Wintergreen Hill. The residents got together on their

own initiative and consolidated their trash pickup to one company. This important action means that they will have one trash hauling truck on the road per week and will place less wear and tear on the road. While the Trustees do not have the legal authority to choose one trash hauler for the entire Township, we encourage residents on streets and neighborhoods to work together to contract with one hauler.

The Trustees are once again sponsoring a Beautiful Lawn Awards program this summer. During the months of June, July and August, the Township will recognize residents and/or businesses that take exceptional care of their property. If you would like to nominate a neighbor or business, please contact Township Hall or one of your Trustees.

Open burning in Ohio is strictly regulated by the Ohio EPA. The reason for limiting what can be burned in an open fire is because burning can release many kinds of

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

July 25 – Family Movie Night

August 22 – Family Fun Day

September 19 – Resident

Document Shredding Day

AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

June 6 – Household Hazardous
Waste Collection

July 12 – Johnnycake Jog

July 28 – August 2 – the Lake County Fair



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toxic fumes. For guidance on what materials can be burned and which ones cannot be burned, please go to the Ohio EPA's website, or click this link:

<https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>

You can also look on the Township's website under the Fire Department tab for guidelines on open burning. If you observe an open fire and are concerned that illegal materials may be burning, please call the non-emergency telephone number of the Fire Department closest to you.

Did you know? Painesville Township has the second longest shoreline in Lake County. The shoreline is 5.6 miles long. (Madison Township's shoreline is longer.)

The Township Hall Meeting Room is now available for non-profit and charitable groups to use free of charge. The room can be reserved by calling Township Hall at 440-352-1443, or sending an email to mmanary@painesvilletwp.com. The room must be reserved a minimum of seven days before the event. Ask for Mike. The room is not available for private parties.